



PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the Application of

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For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR VISUALIZING AND ANALYZING
CONDITIONED DATA

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In reply to the April 5, 2004 Restriction Requirement, Applicants provisionally elect Group I, claims 1-3, 5-7, 13-19, 21-23, 25, 31-37, 39, 40, 48, 52, 54, 56-58, 69, 71-79, 81, 82, 91, 97, 99, 100, 131 and 162, with traverse.

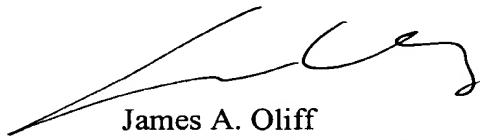
It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all claims is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one Group of claims would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden.

See MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions" (emphasis added). It is

respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Thus, withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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